

Schools of Lehi

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What schools did you go to?

I went to Franklin, the old Franklin school, where we had three grades in one room. Mrs. Gilchrist was our teacher. We went there for the first three grades, then we came downtown and went to the Grammar building, no excuse me, to the primary building first, Primary School first, then to the Grammar building.

Where did you go to high school?

I dropped out in the eighth grade

Now if you would have had an opportunity to go to school would you have gone to the Central School up by the park where the Coopers live?

No, I would have gone to the old high school across the street from the primary building.

From the primary building, so the high school was there?

Yes

So can you tell me, if they had three grades in one classroom, did they have more than one classroom?

One room. One room is all we had

So she taught just the primary at the Franklin School?

She taught the first three grades.

First, second and third. Do you remember if you had to take a lunch with you?

Yes, if you wanted to eat you did. You took it wrapped in newspaper.

How was the school heated?

With a coal stove. The little building had a steam heat boiler, though.

Was that the duty of the teacher to always see that the stove was stoked?

Yes, as far as I know. I don't know of anyone else that took care of it.

So what time did school start?

I don't recall, I think 9 o'clock. I'm quite sure it was 9 o'clock,

So how far did you have to walk to go to school?

It was about half a mile. It was pretty rough in the winter time though. We went along highway 89 of course. We had a path. There were some old mock orange trees there. We had a path along the side of the highway. We had to walk west and in the winter time the snow would be half way to your knees or better and the wind was blowing and blizzards. We had to walk that distance.

Did you or a bunch of children walk together?

I was the only one that was going to that school at that time. My older sisters were going to school downtown here.

So how long did the Franklin School operate?

That I'm not sure, but I think we were the last ones in there.

The last class in there?

I think we were the last group in there.

Is that school still standing?

No. The Curtis' owns it. They have got a house there where that was.

Did they tear the school down to build their new house?

I think so, yes

I wondered if they remodeled the old school and built on to it for a home?

I'm not sure. But I know it doesn't look the same as it did then.